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This settlement is an abomination - an example of laziness and lack of will which can only result in further illegal behavior. I fail to see how since it "was only money", but in huge amounts, this criminal behavior is somehow less worthy of serious punishment and deterrence than any other crime.

Microsoft is a pirate organization from the top down; they have proven themselves to be amoral and corrupt. The company produces a shoddy product and then uses illegal means to prop it up in the marketplace. Break up this street gang in suits, force them to compete legally and fairly, and they will wither away. As they wither, the jobs they shed will not be lost, but will actually produce more and more as the market allows true innovators to prosper.

I am an IS professional, and I estimate that Microsoft has cost my company well over \$250K in the last several years due to incompetence and illegal behavior. This is a tax which the settlement you are proposing will only extend into perpetuity.

I am irrevocably opposed to any settlement short of breaking up Microsoft into at least 3 separate operating companies.

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